Establishment of multi-polar world

2385: SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any steps to play a constructive role in establishement of a multi-polar world and economic globalisation; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI VINOD KHANNA): (a) and (b) Government stands committed to a multi-polar world and strongly believes that a multi-polar world is in the interest of global peace and security. In line with this basic tenet of its foreign policy India has repeatedly articulated in various international fora the desirability of building broad consensus on important issues affecting the international community. Besides its membership of various regional and sub-regional groupings, India has structured dialogue with European Union, ASEAN, African Union, Caribbean Community (CARICOM), Pacific Islands Forum, etc. Similarly India has been in the forefront of articulating and championing the interests of the developing countires in various international fora like WTO, G-77 and G-20 and recently held World Summitt on Sustainable Development to ensure that the benefits of economic globalisation are equally shared by all the countires.

Mutual Legal Assistance Agreement with France

2386. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and France have finalised the Mutual Legal Assistance Agreement in criminal and civil matters and also exchange of foreign prisoners;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether India and France have also signed a extradition treaty; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?